

**Minutes
Of the
Delaware Bicycle Council
April 3, 2002
DeIDOT Administration Building**

Members Present

Don Carbaugh, Chair and New Castle County Representative
Carl Anderson, At-large Representative
Fred Breukelman, Dept. of Public Health
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative
Paul Stevenson, NCC Representative

DeIDOT Support Staff Present

Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General
Joseph Cantalupo, Assistant Director, Division of Planning
Dennis Scott, Bike/Ped Coordinator
David Petrosky, Planner
Wendy Bernard, Secretary

Members Absent

Janet Arns, Department of Education
Tom Pleasanton, Kent County Representative
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety
Lee Ann Walling, Sussex County Representative
George Heberling, DE State Police
Tim Plemmons, Delaware Greenways & Trails
Jay Kelley, DeIDOT Representative

Guests Present

Katherine Shriver, Walkable Communities
David Dooley, DTC

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Dennis introduced the guest speaker, Katherine Shriver, who was to give a presentation titled: The Walkable Places Project: Community Design". The Council members present went around the table and introduced themselves to Ms. Shriver.

Council Membership

Don updated the Council on the current membership standings:

- The COT seat was still vacant due it's reorganization;
- Tim Plemmons was officially an At-Large Representative for New Castle County

- Danna Leavy is a new member of the Delaware Greenways and Trails Council and has been designated their representative to the Bicycle Council.
- Lee Ann Walling is considering turning in her resignation due to lack of time. She doesn't feel she has enough time to be as active in the Council as she'd like to be, Don is asking her to reconsider because her knowledge and expertise is greatly beneficial to the Council.

Chairmanship

Don stated that the Legislative rule of the Council limits the Council's chairmanship to one-year terms and his term was overdue. He stated he would be willing to stay on if no one else was interested. The eligible candidates are those who are citizen members, so State agency representatives were not eligible. Since there were not enough members present at the meeting, there could be no quorum, so the issue would be discussed at the next meeting.

II. Presentation- The Walkable Places Project: Community Design

Ms. Shriver spoke on getting the public more involved in the planning process of communities. She commented that the political atmosphere in Delaware was great for pedestrian/bicyclists issues, and there was a lot of momentum to get things done. Some statistical data showed DE as a high risk to pedestrians with a high percentage of fatalities, but also had a high risk for obesity. So, a lot of the initiatives to have safe bike/ped facilities also tie into the Division of Health's initiatives to increase activity, so the two can work together to get more public support and possibly funding.

At this point Fred, who works for the Division of Health, said the Division held a meeting, which included a wide variety of community, agency, civic, and faith based organizations and they covered a lot of new initiatives to get people to be active. They wanted to streamline their efforts with the Strategic Plan. The next meeting was to be held on April 23rd in Dover and 2 more were to be scheduled for May. Fred also mentioned that Lt. Governor John Carney was committed to promoting health initiatives and was thinking of some kind of "challenge campaign" to DE residents to possibly be unveiled in May to increase activities.

There are copies of Ms. Shriver's power point presentation attached to these minutes for further information on her presentation.

Newsletter & Website

The newsletter goes to press by the end of the week and should be able to be distributed in time for bike month.

New Castle County Map

Dave P. said there were 2 possibilities for the New Castle County Bike Map Cover and he wanted to know if the Council thought they should keep the look similar to the Kent/Sussex bike map or go with a new look.

There should be draft copies for review in April, with 2 public meetings being held-one in April, one in May. By mid-May the map should go the press, which would have a distribution set for June.

There was a change in the BLOS designations in the new map--A is going to be above average, B-average, C, D, & E will be below average.

Dave Dooley had a question about the paper quality for this map because with repeated use, the K/S map paper would rip at the seams. He suggested using Tyvek. Dave informed him the price would be too much for Tyvek. Dave Dooley asked if there was quality in between. Dave said he would look into it.

Communications Network

Carl said the network is up and running well. He asked if Wendy could add the Bike Council to the mailing, and she said she would.

Budget

Dennis informed the Council of the remaining funds left for the DBC for FY 2002. The funds should be mostly used for the T-shirts for bike month. Don wanted to set aside a small amount of money for the White Clay Bike Club's "Effective Cycling" training of DART bus drivers and school teachers and to pay for Laura's "Effective Cycling" training, both of which had previously approved by the Council.

The FY 2003 budget was also given.

Rail to Trail Study

Dennis said the text of the draft was basically complete. He met on March 24th with his study committee to discuss the cost estimates. He is also working with Project Development for unit cost for design construction. The draft should be completed by the end of April/beginning of May. There will be a public meeting on April 23rd in New Castle County for the New Castle Industrial Track.

Statewide Bike Plan

There were two public meetings in March. Comments are being correlated. The next meeting will probably be in early June.

At the last advisory board meeting, the vision and goals were completed. Paul suggested the next public meetings shouldn't be in Wilmington, but at the DelTech Stanton campus or the Bear Library.

III. "Task" Updates

Bike Month

Paul has been handling most of the bike month events and briefed the Council on what was planned:

- The Legislative Bike to Work Ride is scheduled for May 15th starting at 7 a.m. It will follow the same route as previous Legislative rides. This year one lane of the Summit Bridge will be closed to motor vehicles for the ride. The vans to drive people back to the starting point were all set up. There would be several participants from the White Clay group at the ride.
- The whole list of bike month events was in the DBC and White Clay newsletter calendars.
- There was a bike rodeo scheduled for Bellevue Park.
- The Effective Cycling Course Road One was scheduled for May 7, 14, & 24th.
- There were two rodeos scheduled in Kent County, co-sponsored by the Dover/Kent MPO. One will be at Booker T. Washington Elementary School during class hours and the other at Dover's White Oak Park from 4-7 on May 10th. Dennis was looking for volunteers to wear the Creep costume for the rodeos.
- Chris Law was going to hold 4 classes on bicycle maintenance at Lums Pond. Each class would teach a different aspect of maintenance.

Don mentioned a Safe Kids event to be held on May 4th. He also asked if the Legislative ride was on Sec. Hayward's calendar.

Joe asked if the Summit Bridge was going to be swept before the ride.

Bike Route Network

Don said the network is just about done, in fact the map for the New Castle County routes had been sent to the consultant's already.

Effective Cycling Update

Laura M. will be certified. Don would like to get someone south of the C&D Canal certified too.

IV. New Business

Coordinator's Update

Dennis mentioned a Pro Bike/Pro Walk conference in September and Don said the DBC should be able to pay for the registration fee.

News Items

- Dave P. suggested having him taken off of the checking account and adding Dennis and wanted the council to know he was going to do this.
- The final link of State Route 1 should be completed in the spring of 2003 and hopefully it will be done in time to incorporate a bike ride prior to it's opening for bike month next year.
- Fritz said there was draft legislation being formed for the Safe Routes to School program. They were looking for federal funds and having competitions for communities to win grants. The legislation would likely be introduced this session. The only possible issue could be right-of-way constraints, which might be covered by adding an eminent domain clause. Due to time constraints at this meeting, that will be a topic discussed further at the next DBC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**The Next DBC Meeting will be on June 5th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
At the DelDOT Admin. Building in the
New Castle Conference Room**